

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**LENTEN SEASON:** Lent began on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18, launching a 40-day season (plus Sunday Celebrations) in preparation for Easter as we remember Jesus' 40 days of prayer and fasting in the wilderness. **Holy Week** will include a **Maundy Thursday Service on April 2 at 7PM at Oregon Community UMC**, two **Good Friday Services at Noon and 7PM**, an **Easter Sunrise Service on April 5 at 6:15AM at Oregon Community UMC's Pavilion**, two **Easter Sunday Services at 9AM at OCUMC and 10:30AM at Faith UMC**.

**LITITZ DAY OF PRAYER on Friday, March 6, 7PM at Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, 26 Owl Hill Rd, Lititz. All are invited.**

**YOUTH GROUP ON SUNDAYS, 5-7PM** for 5th-12th graders. Each week there is dinner, games & a lesson. All students are invited. **Please sign up with Pastor Jason if you are willing to provide a meal. We will go to Gretna Glen on Sun., March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting at Faith UMC at 3:30PM and return by 7PM.**

**OUR GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP** meets **every Monday at 5PM** for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one and could use support and tools for dealing with all of the associated emotions & struggles. Contact Pastor Jason for more info and go here to register: <http://bit.ly/3MeeZax>

**BIBLE STUDY WITH KATHY "Meet Yourself in the Psalms" 6PM-7:30PM on Tuesdays at Faith UMC.** We will read through Psalms and explore how to pray more holistically.

**PASTOR'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY at 10AM on Wednesdays at Faith UMC**

**THREADS OF FAITH** is for those who like to knit, sew, crochet or quilt. Join us from **10am - Noon at Faith UMC the first Saturday of each month including March 7 at 9AM.**

**CHURCH COUNCIL: Next: March 12 at 6:30PM** and on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays** of ODD numbered months.

**CHURCH CLEANING/WORKDAYS: 2nd Saturdays Next: March 14 from 9-11AM**

**THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM** engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **Next meeting: March 19 at 5PM (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays).** Contact Renee Norman for info. **Join us by Zoom at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRCZVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vQT09>.**

**THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE & BAIL REFORM TEAM** **Next meeting: March 4 at Noon (every other Wednesday).**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOelVlVXQwUk5LR2VFQT09>.

**SALEM LUTHERAN'S LITTLE FREE PANTRY:** Place donations in the box at Faith. The pantry accepts canned goods (tuna, chicken, soup, vegetables, fruit), cereal, shelf stable milk, peanut butter, jelly, boxed macaroni & cheese, ramen noodles, rice, spaghetti sauce & pasta. Pantry is at 26 Owl Hill Rd., Lititz.

**LONG MEMORIAL FREE GROCERIES** for those in need every week through their **Friday Night Food Ministry at 6pm.** You can drive up and receive groceries to help support you through the week.

**GRAB 'N GO COMMUNITY MEAL** for those in need at Zion Lutheran Church in East Petersburg every Monday. Faith UMC provides sixty meals quarterly. **Our next meal will be March 2.** Contact Carol Kennedy to help. **We are looking for a volunteer or a pair of volunteers to take the lead on this ministry. Please let Carol or Pastor Jason know if you are willing to help prepare and deliver these meals to Zion Lutheran quarterly.**

*Welcome to*

## Oregon Community United Methodist Church



**Address:** 1214 Creek Road, Lititz, PA 17543

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Mission of Oregon Community United Methodist Church:  
**"Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation  
of our community and the world."**



**SUNDAY WORSHIP** in Sanctuary at 9:00 AM at Oregon Community UMC  
**BROADCAST ONLINE** at 10:30 AM from Faith UMC on Facebook  
& church websites under *Online Worship*.

**OFFICE HOURS:** Pastor Jason will be on duty Sundays, as well as Monday-Thursday (9AM-2PM) due to a limited schedule to acclimate a new foster child into their home. His Sabbath is Friday until Sunday morning. Call ahead to schedule meetings or to request pastoral care. Leave a detailed message.

# Oregon Community United Methodist Church

March 1, 2026 at 9:00AM – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

**W**ELCOME: We gather together to worship God: The Father, The Son, & the Holy Spirit. You are welcome to engage with us and our loving God in this sacred space no matter who you are; from where you have come; what experiences, struggles or gifts you bring; or the questions, doubts & beliefs you carry. We are so glad you are here!

## GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jason

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God's People

Children of God, in Lent we remember that our salvation is an unearned gift, that new life is a matter of faith, not of works.

**We gather to lay down the burden of trying to earn our salvation.**

Like Nicodemus, who met Jesus in the dark of night, we struggle to accept that new life is not just possible but given as a free gift of grace.

**We gather to bring our struggles into the light and embrace God's grace with open arms.**

Like Paul writing to the Romans, we remember God's promise of new life has always rested on grace.

**We gather to receive the promise of salvation by grace through faith.**

Like the many who have followed, questioned, and grown in the faith, we submit ourselves to be formed by grace as we work out our salvation day by day.

**We gather as people guided by the promise of new life, a promise fulfilled by Christ, whose path we follow. Amen**

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2025*

### \*HYMN

*I Need Thee Every Hour*

UMH #397

## THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor Jason

### \*HYMN

*Lord I Want to Be a Christian in my Heart*

UMH #402

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Matthew 7:1-6**

Mike Shifflet

*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

## SERMON

**Judging**

Pastor Jason

## COMMUNION: CONFESSION, PARDON & PASSING THE PEACE

UMH #12-13

*All are invited to the Lord's Table to receive God's forgiveness and grace through Communion*

## OUR OFFERINGS OF PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS

### \*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH #95

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH #15-16 & #895

## RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

UMH #16

### \*HYMN

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

UMH #64

### \*HYMN

*Jesu, Jesu*

UMH #432

## BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Jason

*\* You are invited to stand in body or in Spirit*

**Pianist:** Jody Wiker **Pastor:** The Rev. Jason Perkowski **Ministers:** The People of God  
**Liturgists:** March 1 Mike Shifflet; 8 Ralph Stone; 15 Bob Jolly; 22 Dot Lange

**BIRTHDAYS:** March 10 Sandy Baird; 20 Kathy Fisher; 21 Shannon Weaver

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Kevin (Joetta's grandson) healing after organ transplants; Dixie & Denny recovering from falls; Nancy's friend with feeding tube; Dean & Val Cooper, health; those who are grieving; anxiety and stress; unity & love; Jackie Black; Shifflet's neighbor Bob; Katie at CHOP; Nat (friend of Wikers), cancer; Joanne (Jackie's sister), scleroderma; Bobbi Ann Stone, healing; Vince Habel, heart & kidney; Shirley Baker & Cheryl Cooper, healing; & all battling cancer and disease. **PRAISES:** God's faithful love and grace; those healing from illnesses. **PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD:** Those killed by ICE Officers and safety and wisdom for the officers; those affected by violence and hate; food & housing insecurity; mental health; senior citizens; addictions; deportation and immigration policies; the unemployed; Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi; DS Freymoyer & EPAUMC Staff; Laity and Clergy; wisdom for elected leaders; President Trump and VP Vance; people suffering from environmental disasters; NarSarah Clinic in Sierra Leone; Udobo School in Durban, South Africa; Christ Home for Children; Blackfeet UM Parish; the people of Israel, Palestine, the Middle East, Ukraine, Russia, Nigeria, Venezuela, Syria, Somalia, Yemen, Minnesota, Greenland, Canada, Iran, etc.; veterans & military service members; police & medical personnel; the sick & caregivers; peace; abused persons & abusers; incarcerated persons and prison staff; schools; foster families; etc.

**IN NEED OF HELP?** Contact Pastor Jason, dial 2-1-1 or visit [www.211.org](http://www.211.org) to reach the **United Way Call Center for social services**. The **Crisis Intervention Lifeline** is (717) 394-2631 or **dial 9-8-8**.

**LUMINA KIDS' NIGHT MEALS: Volunteers needed on March 2 & 9.** You can carpool to **New Creation UMC, 10 W Farnum St., Lancaster** or meet there by 6:45PM to serve the meal. *People have signed up to cover all the supplies—Thank You!!* There is a bin to drop off the non-perishables. Coordinate drop off of refrigerated food items with Marcia. Contact Marcia at 717-799-5048 to help.

**BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY** is on Saturday, March 21 from 8-10:30AM. There will be Egg Hunts at 8:30, 9:30 & 10:30AM. There will also be a telling of the Easter Story at 9:15AM & 10:15AM.

**CAR SHOW:** We are planning a Car Show Fundraiser on August 8 at Faith UMC. Charlie Parmer is leading this event. Our next planning meeting is **Thurs., April 9th at 6:30PM**. Contact Charlie at 717-665-6152 if you are interested in being a part of the planning team for this "fun"draiser event!

**BRIDGE OF HOPE:** There will be a check-in meeting for the team at **6PM on March 16 at Faith UMC**. Please pencil this in—and reach out to Diane Black to confirm your availability.

**WORSHIP WITH THE BISHOP: Wed., March 4** provides a wonderful and nearby opportunity to worship with Bishop Moore-KoiKoi when she visits our West District and **preaches at 7 PM at St. Paul's UMC in Elizabethtown**. This is her second year as our Eastern PA Resident Bishop, and you are warmly invited to attend this worship service.